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To whom it may concern:

Greetings from west Kentucky, where our people are suffering from this horrible flooding and the times ahead are going to be challenging as well. I expect the cleanup and recovery from the floods to be an incredible task. In my role as a volunteer first responder, I see up close, the hard work and dedication from our public safety officials and the major responsibilities they carry with them.

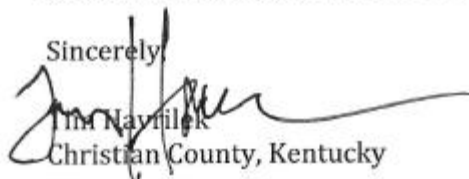
I want to call something to you agency is reviewing, but ask that you pay some particular attention to it because it is a matter of serious importance and in many instances life or death impact. A company called "LightSquared" has been attempting to get itself squared away with the federal government to provide a better system of satellite-based (with terrestrial towers also) communications that, when I learned about it, I thought would really have potential in helping rural Kentucky.

As you know, we have great difficulties in communications during emergencies (almost worse than the emergencies themselves sometimes) and during normal times, our cellphone reception is almost non-existent in some of our outlying areas. Now I've been told that this new program proposed by LightSquared would go a long way toward fixing our problems, most especially in the emergency communications area. In fact, I've been told that the state of Kentucky has firsthand positive experience with their predecessor company, SkyTerra, but couldn't fund the program itself. What I'm asking is that you look into this matter and give assistance to what LightSquared is trying to do in helping western Kentucky.

I also wanted to thank President Obama for calling on FEMA and other federal agencies to help us down here during these critical times. I don't want to overstate my views but if you live through way we have of late, you would know how I feel and why I feel so strongly about LightSquared.

My guess is you don't hear this often enough, but thank you for the important work you do in Washington and the FCC.

Sincerely,



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